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Ten Years Ago
in Timmins
From data in the Porcupine Advance Files.

The Advance ten years ago said:—"Mr. E. J. McDonald, of Rochester townsite, who had his eye injured while at work in the bush some weeks ago, is making very satisfactory progress in treatment. While chopping in the bush a flying chip hit him in the eye with the result that it appeared as if the eye had been seriously injured. He went to Cochrane hospital and took treatment there for the injured eye, but decided to try specialists in the city where, his many friends will be pleased to know, the treatment is proving very successful and the danger of permanent injury to the eye is practically passed."

It was pointed out in The Advance ten years ago that after a siege of illness South Porcupine had recovered its health and so was back to normal again. There had been considerable illness in South Porcupine and as a precautionary measure all schools, churches and other public meeting places were closed for a week or two. The epidemic in South Porcupine appeared to be more of the type of the old-time la grippe or severe cold rather than the more serious disease commonly known as the "flu." Although the number of cases was much smaller and the type of the disease much milder than in the previous flu epidemic, the authorities at South Porcupine decided not to take any chances and so special measures and precautions were adopted. The prompt efforts to combat the prevalence of severe colds or la grippe were so successful that in a few days South Porcupine was back to normal health and it was possible to re-open the schools, churches and other public meeting places.

In The Advance of Feb. 11th, 1920, reference is made to a successful and pleasing band concert given in the Empire theatre by the Timmins Citizens' Band. "Bandmaster E. W. Johnston and his bandmen received many compliments upon the programme of music furnished," said The Advance at the time, "and there will be general pleasure at the announcement made that there will be other similar concerts given in the near future. The Timmins Citizens' band has developed into an excellent musical organization that is a credit to the town, and it is pleasing to all good citizens to see the general support and appreciation given." The programme comprised selections by the band and a five-reel picture. The collection totalled over \$87.00. Through the kindness of the management of the theatre, there was no charge made for the hall or for the picture shown.

At the regular meeting of the town council ten years ago, on motion of Councillors E. L. Longmore and W. DeFeu, J. F. Henderson was appointed town engineer at a salary of \$2500.00 per year. In speaking to the motion Councillor Longmore said that it was his opinion that the town had grown to such an extent and the public services of the municipality were now so extended that there was great need for the services of a competent engineer permanently. Mr. Henderson had been in charge of the work here for Sutcliffe and Neelands during the past few months and his knowledge and attention had been of great value to the town. The motion to appoint Mr. Henderson as town engineer was passed unanimously. The matter of the building used by the town as an isolation hospital for some smallpox cases was once more before the council. The owner of the house, Mr. White, had refused to accept the town's offer, and instead asked the town in effect to buy the building or pay at least \$500.00 or \$600.00 for the use made of it. The council considered their previous offer as good as anything they could do, and they left the next move, if any, to Mr. White. Councillor Fogg and other councillors thought the town should look around and secure a place for an isolation hospital. The scavenger service came in for considerable discussion. The services of the scavenger for the year were considered as generally satisfactory, but plans were made for more frequent collection of garbage in town. The following paragraph from the report of the council meeting should be of interest in view of the developments several years later:—"On motion of Messrs Longmore and DeFeu the account of \$841.00 for the Wabi Iron Works was ordered paid. This settles the long-standing account in connection with the water tank, which has been held for payment until the Wabi Iron Works would submit a bill.

The death of Mrs. John X. McDonald, mother of Mrs. J. J. Perreault, of town, was chronicled in The Advance ten years ago. Mrs. McDonald was one of the pioneer residents of New Liskeard, and was largely esteemed by wide circles in the North. She was an active worker in the Presbyterian Church, in the hospital work at New Liskeard, and in other public capacities.

In the district hockey league ten years ago, Timmins won from the McIntyre, 7 to 5. The game was a lively one and there was much good hockey. The Timmins team included:—R. Hoggarth, Geo. Lake, Loughrin, Campbell, Brennan, McGuire, Laflamme and Jemmett. For McIntyre the players were:—McIntyre, Briden, Gregory, Cauley, Parker, Cox, Levine and Hicks. Practically official announcement was made ten years ago that the Ontario Government would not sell the T. & N. O. as had been reported as likely to occur.

was the good news that Porcupine had won the northern group of the N.O.H.A. On Saturday, Feb. 7th, 1920, Porcupine defeated Iroquois Falls, after overtime, with the score of 4 to 2. In the N.O.H.A. games, northern group, Timmins had won the first game, 6 to 2; the second, 8 to 6; and the fourth, 4 to 2. The Falls won the third, 5 to 4. The game on Feb. 7th delighted the fans. It was fast and lively. The Timmins team was—Liberty, Lake, Loughrin, Brown, Brennan, Simms, McGuire and Campbell. For Iroquois Falls the lineup was:—Corbould, Masterson, Bryde, Fraser, Fluker, Wilson, McConomy, and Bocquet.

The following is from the Feb. 11th, 1920, issue of The Advance:—"It was with the sincerest regret that the news was received in Timmins this week of the death at her home in South Porcupine on Monday of Mrs. Chas. V. Gallagher, wife of the reeve of Tisdale township. Mrs. Gallagher was ill for only a few days, pneumonia being the cause of death. In addition to the bereaved husband four small children are left to mourn the loss of a devoted mother. The late Mrs. Gallagher was one of the most highly esteemed residents of the North Land. Before her marriage she was Miss McAlpine and was one of the most valued and popular teachers the New Liskeard school has ever had. She was an artist of more than usual ability and in her profession of school teacher was held in the very highest regard. Since coming to the Porcupine camp she has made many friends and has won the highest esteem of all. The body was taken to Forest, Ont., her old home where interment will be made. The deepest sympathy of all goes out to the bereaved husband and family in their sad and sudden bereavement."

The Advance of Feb. 11th, 1920, had a letter from Dr. R. H. Brown in which the Timmins (Porcupine) hockey team was played and all were urged to give the boys here the heartiest support. The editorial article in The Advance ten years ago was in regard to the good work of the hospital at Cochrane. Figures were quoted from the report previously published by the hospital, to show that despite the good work done for the community, the institution did not receive the proper support from the people.

The annual meeting of the Temiskaming Fire Association was held on Feb. 4th, 1920. The association at that time comprised all the volunteer fire brigades in the North Land from North Bay to Cochrane. It was decided to have the 1920 tournament at New Liskeard on July 1st. The following officers were elected for the term:—Fire Chief John Lever, of New Liskeard; T. H. Wilkes, Iroquois Falls, vice-president; F. E. Thompson, New Liskeard, secretary-treasurer. After the convention the delegates were very pleasantly entertained by the Iroquois Falls brigade at a banquet, at which W. J. Tierney was the able and witty toastmaster. A resolution of regret at the loss to the town of Timmins through the destruction by fire of the Marshall-Ecclestone block was passed by the gathering.

Ten years ago, when Scotty Wilson and some others now resident in Timmins were very loyal citizens of South Porcupine. The Advance sometimes used to use one Scotty to annoy another. For example here was one paragraph published in The Advance of Feb. 11th:—"A gentleman who was unable to secure a suitable house in Timmins this week was assured that he certainly could get accommodation in South Porcupine if that would do. However, he went to South End, only to find after a day's hunt there that there was not a single vacant residence in that busy little town. That evening, "Scotty" was asked about it here. "Are all the houses occupied in South Porcupine?" "Yes," replied Scotty, "both of them are."

The Advance of Feb. 11th, 1920, said:—"Mrs. W. D. Watt and little daughter, Jessie, returned to her home in Timmins on Thursday evening last after a visit of some months with her people overseas. Mrs. Watt crossed the ocean, homeward bound, on the same steamer as several of those killed in the C.P.R. wreck at North Bay last week, and being in the little friendly party formed on the voyage by some of them, she intended to travel on the train with them. The Winnipeg train to which the accident occurred, however, was reserved for those going to the far West, and Mrs. Watt thus escaped the danger but lost some of her friends in the sad accident."

Among the local and personal items in The Advance ten years ago were the following:—"Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Allworth and Miss Racicot, of the post office staff, are visiting in Toronto this week." "Mr. Jas. Houston was in town this week in connection with his work as consulting engineer for the Dome Lake." "Magistrate Atkinson had an easy day here last week on his regular visit to the town, there being no cases up for trial before him." "Mr. Geo. M. Black, formerly of the Porcupine Crown office staff, but latterly of the Crown Reserve in Cobalt, was a week-end visitor to the camp, renewing acquaintances here. He was accompanied to town by his brother, who has recently come to Canada after service in France during the war." "At the last meeting of the council of the township of Tisdale the matter of lack of shelter of any kind for passengers waiting at the Dome Siding was referred to and the

clerk was instructed to write the T. & N. O. Railway commission and see if some accommodation could be provided." "Mr. R. C. Vaughan, manager of the Imperial Bank branch at Smooth Rock Falls, renewed acquaintances here over the week-end." "Mrs. L. Beauchene, of Verner, is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. J. Edwards." "Mr. F. J. Parker, of the Hamilton B. Willis office, Cobalt, was a visitor to the camp over the week-end." "The gold production of the Porcupine is now about a million dollars a month, while dividends at the rate of over \$200,000 a month are being paid by the producing mines of the Porcupine." "There was an interesting game at the week-end between the Hollinger and Town married men, the former winning by a score of so-and-so. The particularly bright spot in the game was the goal-tending of Messrs Williams and Cheeseman, respectively." "Mr. W. Oke is a visitor to the camp this week and is being warmly welcomed by his many old friends here. He was one of the old-timers of Timmins, but recently has been living in Toronto, and all will regret to learn that for the past six months he was in hospital from illness, but all will be pleased to know that he is now recovered and well on the way to complete health again." "In the list of all the municipalities in this North Land that have Scottish or Irish mayors or Reeves, The Advance overlooked mentioning the township of Whitney, where the reeve is Capt. MacGregor. Certainly Whitney should have been included in the list for if the MacGregors are not Scottish enough, then Tom Chowam does not know the little town in Italy where all the Macdonalds come from, as he says." "Mr. W. Fraser, visiting at his home in Fraserville, Ont., being called thither by the illness of his father." "Mr. P. L. Smith, a member of the Marshall-Ecclestone staff before enlisting for overseas service, has returned to the camp and is being welcomed back by his many old friends here." "The Governor-General of the Dominion is expected to visit the North Land this week." "Mrs. Geo. A. Howe left on Saturday for Latchford on account of the illness of her mother and others in the family who are suffering from the prevalent "flu." "Mr. F. M. Burke was called to Toronto last week owing to the illness of Mrs. Burke, who was suffering from an attack of pneumonia. Her many friends will be pleased to know that at the time of writing she is well on the way to recovery. Mr. Burke was able to return to the North on Tuesday of this week." "Mr. W. F. Richardson left this week for Cobalt on account of the sad death of his niece, Miss Nellie McCuaig, of North Cobalt. Miss McCuaig, who had been a member of the Cobalt post office staff for some months past, died after a brief illness from pneumonia."

Destructive Fire at North Bay Last Week

According to despatches from North Bay last week the McCool block, Main street of that city, was completely gutted by fire which broke out shortly before midnight on Wednesday. The building was one of the old landmarks of the city. The loss is estimated at approximately \$50,000. The cause of the fire is unknown. Fire Chief G. M. Brady is of the opinion that it may have originated from the oil furnace which heats the block. The power system was out of commission for some time last night and the fire was noticed by a passer-by a few minutes after the electric current resumed.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cole, their three young children, Willard five, Marguerite four, and Shirley eight months, and Mrs. T. Black, mother of Mrs. Cole, who lived in an apartment in the rear of the block were forced to leave in their night attire.

Mrs. Black was awakened by the smoke and she aroused the family. Heavy smoke was pouring into their apartment before they escaped. Lieut. Wallace of the fire brigade, was the first to enter their quarters and he made his way through the smoke to assist in the rescue of the children.

Arthur Meecham, a volunteer fireman, was removed to his home unconscious when he was struck by falling bricks during the height of the blaze. The fire continued throughout the night. The construction of the building encouraged the flames and it was one of the most obstinate fires the North Bay fire brigade ever had to battle. The firemen were further handicapped by the excessive cold working in temperature from 30 to 38 degrees below zero.

After fighting the fire for more than 12 hours the all-out signal was given shortly after noon on Thursday but the fire broke out twice after that. The first relapse of the fire was at 4 p.m. on Thursday of last week and the other time was at 8 p.m. Thursday of last week and the other time was at 8 p.m. Thursday night.

The building, which was erected by P. McCool in the early days of the city, is owned by Angus and Taylor, Ltd.

Tenants were P. M. McCool, druggist; Dr. M. H. McCool, dentist; Dr. J. E. Brennan, physician; Ontario Crown Lands Department, and the Federal Department of the Interior. Dr. L. H. McCool was only able to save an x-ray machine which he purchased recently, but the stock of the drug store is a total loss.

Moncton Times—Shall Canada, the greatest of the British Dominions follow the lead of the lesser British Dominions in relinquishing this splendid emblem of centuries of achievement for one that will be without tradition and that will be unfamiliar for a generation at least even to Canadians themselves and will be unrecognized and unhonoured for years to come by many of the foreign countries of the world?

Should Punish Those Who Defame the North

Last year and in previous years there were so many false reports about the North that at least some tourist business was turned away from here. One type of false report is referred to in a note received last week from H. A. Preston, of Matheson. Mr. Preston, who is a genuine old-timer of the North writes The Advance as follows:—"Please publish this because it is true."

"Last summer a party of U.S. tourists who came up the Ferguson highway met a man on the road near Ramore and stopped to ask him for some information which he gladly gave them. Before they proceeded on their trip north and that they might get trapped in a big bush fire. They said they were glad they did not take the advice, for they were pleased with the trip north and were satisfied that there was not so much danger as they were told. North Bay should make an example of anyone spreading such news to tourists, if they are caught, as it is just as harmful to their town to have false reports about the North Land as anywhere else along the Northern highway."

Mr. Preston is right again in suggesting that those spreading false reports should be punished. These ill rumours not only cause injury to the tourist trade to the North, but they also result in much anxiety for people in the south who have relatives or friends in the North. This latter point was very clearly presented to the gathering here which met last year to do honour to the editors on tour of the North. Mr. E. L. Longmore instanced cases where the reports of fires in the North Land had been published in papers in the South, with the result that relatives and friends had suffered anxiety and worry about loved ones in the North until communication was established with the North and the falsity of the stories proven. If a few of those defaming the North either from malice or from carelessness or ignorance were punished the practice might lose some of its popularity.

FORETELLS THAT MARCH WILL GO OUT LIKE A LAMB

H. A. Preston in a letter to The Advance last week suggests that March will come in like a lion and will go out like a lamb, and that April will be a fine month. That remains to be seen, and with Mr. Preston's letter printed herewith it will be possible "to pat him on the back" in April or to "rub it in," as the case may be. Mr. Preston's letter is as follows:—"They say the bear did not see his shadow down in Old Ontario on Feb. 2nd. He surely saw it up in Northern Ontario. Two months ago you published where I predicted lots of bright sunshine and real cold weather for this winter, but most everybody else thought it would be a mild one. I stated that when the sky in the east was very bright at night it meant a big snow storm. I have seen it only once this winter, and that was over 23 months ago, and we have not had one real old big storm since. I do predict now that March will come in like a lion and go out like a lamb this year, and April will be a fine month. I am wondering if those stock brokers see their shadows or will see them. The bears did that's sure."

Blairmore Enterprise—Bob Livett was asked how large a family he had, and replied: "Four of us—my wife, myself and two goldfish."

Toronto Star—No surprise need have been occasioned by the news that a prisoner in the penitentiary was refused permission to go to Hamilton to attend the deathbed of his father. There is nothing new about this except the making of the request. When the prison doors close on a convicted man they stayed closed until he has served his time or is paroled.

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